

suggestions for Lebanon to ameliorate those risks.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of State.

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to submit legislation regarding the ban on the use of United States passports for travel to Lebanon. I, along with my colleagues, Mr. SIMON, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, and Mr. KENNEDY, cosponsored this resolution with the hope that the passport restriction will eventually be lifted.

The current policy—in effect, a travel ban to Lebanon—has had a negative impact on United States businesses and individuals. Since the restriction on the use of United States passports for travel to Lebanon inordinately affects Americans of Lebanese descent, we are proposing expanding the humanitarian considerations provision to permit those Americans of Lebanese descent to travel to Lebanon. This would ease the concerns of many Lebanese Americans who may want to travel to Lebanon for family reunification purposes, but who presently are unable to do so.

We also advocate creating a new waiver category which would permit travel by United States business personnel who wish to do business in Lebanon. While the reconstruction effort in Lebanon is progressing at a fast pace, United States businesses are hindered from participating in this rebuilding effort due to the travel restrictions. United States businesses cannot compete with foreign companies with representation in and free access to Lebanon.

While we understand and agree that the safety and security of United States citizens is of paramount concern when reviewing the travel policy, it is also our understanding that more than 45,000 Americans are estimated to have traveled without incident to Lebanon during the past 4 years. That being the case, the current restrictions appear to be inconsistent with the situation on the ground. In addition, we note that other countries equally and, in some cases, more unstable than Lebanon are not subject to similar travel constraints.

In view of these considerations, and taking into account the overall improvement in circumstances inside Lebanon, we urge the Secretary of State to lift the passport restriction for Lebanon and issue in its place a travel advisory. Such a step would make clear any risks and dangers associated with travel to Lebanon, and at the same time enable United States citizens to make their own informed decisions.

Mr. President, I hope that this resolution will be incorporated into the next review process of the travel restrictions to Lebanon, and that in February 1996, the Department of State will implement the suggestions encompassed in this resolution.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 203—RELATIVE TO THE SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. DOLE (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 203

Whereas, in the case of *Sheila Cherry v. Richard Cherry*, Case No. FM-18145-91, pending in the New Jersey Superior Court, a subpoena *duces tecum* for testimony at a deposition and for the production of documents has been issued to William Ayala, an employee of Senator Frank Lautenberg;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may, by the judicial process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate;

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may promote the administration of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(2) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§288b(a) and 288c(a)(2) (1994), the Senate may direct its counsel to represent committees, Members, officers, and employees of the Senate with respect to subpoenas or orders to them in their official capacity: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That William Ayala is authorized to testify in the case of *Cherry v. Cherry*, except concerning matters for which a privilege or an objection should be asserted.

SEC. 2. That the Senate Legal Counsel is directed to represent William Ayala and Senator Lautenberg's office in connection with the subpoena issued in this case.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 204—RELATIVE TO THE SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. DOLE (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 204

Whereas, in the case of *Charles Okoren, et al. v. Fyfe Symington, et al.*, No. CV-95-2527-PHX-RCB, pending in the United States District Court for the District of Arizona, the plaintiffs have named the United States Senate as a defendant;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(1) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§288b(a) and 288c(a)(1)(1994), the Senate may direct its counsel to defend the Senate in civil actions relating to its official responsibilities: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent the United States Senate in the case of *Charles Okoren, et al. v. Fyfe Symington, et al.*

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 205—RELATIVE TO THE SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. DOLE (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 205

Whereas, in the case of *United States of America v. Karl Zielinski*, Case No. F12187-94,

a criminal action pending in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, the United States Attorney has caused a trial subpoena to be served on Michael O'Leary, a Senate employee on the staff of the Committee on the Judiciary;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate can, by administrative or judicial process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate;

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate is needed for the promotion of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 740(a)(2) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§288b(a) and 288c(a)(2), the Senate may direct its counsel to represent employees of the Senate with respect to requests for testimony made to them in their official capacities: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That Michael O'Leary is authorized to provide testimony in the case of *United States of America v. Karl Zielinski*, except concerning matters for which a privilege should be asserted.

SEC. 2. The Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent Michael O'Leary in connection with the testimony authorized by section 1 of this resolution.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

#### CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS JOINT RESOLUTION

##### HATFIELD AMENDMENT NO. 3110

Mr. LOTT (for Mr. HATFIELD) proposed an amendment to the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 134) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert in lieu thereof:

##### TITLE I—AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN AND FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION ASSISTANCE

That the following sums are hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and out of applicable corporate or other revenues, receipts, and funds, for the several departments, agencies, corporations, and other organizational units of Government for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes, namely:

SEC. 101. (a) Such amounts as may be necessary under the authority and conditions provided in the applicable appropriations Act for the fiscal year 1995 for continuing the following projects or activities including the costs of direct loans and loan guarantees (not otherwise specifically provided for in this joint resolution) which were conducted in the fiscal year 1995:

All projects and activities funded under the account heading "Family support payments to States" under the Administration For Children and Families in the Department of Health and Human Services;

All projects and activities funded under the account heading "Payments to States for foster care and adoption assistance" under the Administration For Children and Families in the Department of Health and Human Services; and

Such amounts as may be necessary for the Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Security Act for the second quarter of fiscal year 1996;